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## **President's Message**

Good day everyone,

Welcome back, I hope Christmas and New Years was enjoyable for everyone. Considering we had some reasonable weather, I expect many of us were able to get in some air time. We all like to hear flying stories, so as uneventful as they may be, please share your events with us at the next meeting this Thursday.

First order of business, please welcome our new VP and latest member, Gary Abel. Many of you already know Gary, but regardless, please have a look at his introduction in this issue of the newsletter. I'm pretty sure some of you have some interesting anecdotes about Gary, but let's hold them for another day!

We cannot welcome a new VP without a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing, John Mader. Thanks, John, for your service to our chapter over the last four years, and we look forward to your usual support in the future.

Speaking of membership, remember that our chapter renewals are due now. If you haven't paid yours yet, bring cash or cheques!

Our entertainment at the next meeting will be a presentation on two common navigation aids, Foreflight and FlightPlanGo. We will have two presenters, Soren Christiansen and Carl Forman. This will hopefully be very interactive and we will welcome open discussion on these formats or other nav aids you might recommend. Bring your tablets with apps loaded!

See you all Thursday!

**WAYPOINTS**

# Vice-President's Message

## New Member Introduction

By Gary Abel

Hello, I'm Gary Abel, the new vice-president of the High River EAA chapter. I'd like to introduce myself.

I grew up an air force brat. My father was a wireless air gunner (WAG) during the second world war and later a career Electronics Tech in the RCAF. I grew up on airbases throughout Canada and one in France. This early exposure to aviation was very influential to my interest in flying. I have one special memory when as a boy I got to sit in an RCAF F-86 Golden Hawk while my Dad worked on it.

I'm a commercially licensed pilot having started flying back in 1975 at the Toronto Island Airport, now known as the Billy Bishop Airport. Shortly after moving to Calgary and earning my private license in 1979 I purchased a 1977 Grumman Traveller that I tied down at the Calgary International Airport. At the time me and about thirty other aircraft owners tied down in the field just a few hundred meters from landing 747's. We were paying \$140.00 each year for the privilege of constantly wiping soot off our wings from the landing, taxiing and departing jet aircraft.

I proudly made my career in policing with the Calgary Police Service and retired in 2007.

In 1987, at the High River Airport under the tutelage of the late great Gordon Jones, I completed my commercial pilot's licence. I also served on the High River Airport commission back then for a short term.

After acquiring my commercial license, I flew charter flights part-time in Cessna 182s for an operator in Calgary, and C-172s occasionally for Gordon Jones at High River Flight Services.

I was recently the airport manager at Okotoks for three years while it was going through a lengthy certification and auditing process by Transport Canada. That was a terrific learning experience, though I wouldn't want to repeat it.

More recently I've been offered a contract to manage the High River Airport. I'm looking forward to that position and to working with both the airport users and the High River Airport Board.

For the past five years I have owned, flown and immensely enjoyed a very red, and very fast Van's RV-7. Home for my plane will be the newly built hanger owned by Courtney Gillis on the east side of the field.

I also look forward to meeting, working with and flying with more of our chapter members.

My best wishes to everyone in the New Year.

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## Who We Are

*We are an enthusiastic group of like-minded individuals from various backgrounds who share a passion for recreational aviation in Southern Alberta and we offer the chance to meet others who combine fun with learning.*

## FOR SALE

Zenith CH250 project. Closeout inspection done. Comes with brand new iCom A210, Garmin GTX320, Dynon D60, Garmin 396 and RWS engine monitor, plus an assortment of AN hardware and tools. Email Robert Fridman for more details (ch250calgary@gmail.com).

## How to Join Our Chapter

*Attend our next chapter meeting. Ask for anyone and they will be pleased to help. All the required forms will be made available for you to fill out. You must be a current member of EAA International, so please have your EAA membership number. If you are not a member, you can join EAA at the meeting.*

Contact us by post at  
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Or by email at  
[president@eaahighriver.org](mailto:president@eaahighriver.org)

*For registration forms contact the treasurer (see the list of the executive below).*

## Please update your web member profiles

On our web site, in the member's section, there are many pictures and profiles that are quite dated (aluminum parts which are now beautiful flying machines). The updates should be sent to the webmaster ([webmaster@eaahighriver.org](mailto:webmaster@eaahighriver.org)) Please supply: Name, project or aircraft, facts about your project and area of aviation interest.

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